

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Manassas, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

April 17, 2009 to June 5, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal financial assistance activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

USDOT/Federal Aviation Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Manassas proposes to extend Runway 16L/34R and make other improvements at the Manassas Regional Airport (HEF) located in the city and Prince William County. Proposed improvements consist of extending the primary runway and Taxiway B by 500 feet; relocating the existing Instrument Landing System localizer, installing an approach lighting system for Runway 34R; widening the runway and taxiway bridges; and relocating Taxiway K. The purpose of the proposal is to better accommodate the existing and future aircraft fleet, meet Federal Aviation Administration design standards, and enhance safety. The city submitted a draft Environmental Assessment and federal consistency certification for review and comment. The consistency certification finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (also called the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program). DEQ will conduct a public hearing on the proposal on May 27, 2009 at the Manassas City Hall, and written public comments on the proposal will be accepted until June 5, 2009.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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